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SUBJ: PROPOSED SALE OF T-41 BS

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(C) CHIEF OF STAFF AIR FORCE MESSAGE R 142044 Z MAY 73

1. WE AGREE THAT EVENHANDEDNESS POLICY SHOULD BE FOLLOWED CAREFULLY IN EQUIPMENT OFFERS TO BOTH COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE IT APPEARS WE SHOULD ALSO LOOK INTO THE EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT DEVELOP OF, FOR SAKE OF EVENHANDEDNESS, TYPES OF EQUIPMENT ARE SPLIT AND MIXED BY TYPE MODELS. THE T-41 MIMEX OFFER IS AN ARMY MODEL THAT HAS DIFFERENT ENGINE THAN THE T-41 A (AIRFORCE) THAT WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON (REF C). THESE ARE ALL TRAINING AIRCRAFT AND OF LITTLE MILITARY VALUE AS CITED IN REFTTEL (B). LOGISTIC PROBLEMS WOULD BE MINIMIZED IF OFFER OF ONE TYPE MADE TO EACH COUNTRY.

2. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESTUDY OF THE PROBLEM, GIVING CONSIDERATION TO ALLOCATING THE T-41 BS TO HONDURAS AND EQUAL NUMBER OF T-41 AS TO SALVADOR. WHILE
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RECOGNIZING FROM REFTEL (A) THERE MIGHT BE SOME SLIGHT
DIFFERENCE IN AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY DATES TWO MODELS,
ABOVE SUGGESTION OF TYPE FOR EACH IS PROMPTED BY FACT
HONDURAS IS CLOSE TO FINALIZING COMMERCIAL BUY FROM CESSNA
OF T-41 BS WHICH, WITH MIMEX OFFERS, WOULD BRING HAF
TRAINING AIRCRAFT TO TEN, AND ASSUMING ALL FIVE MIMEX
UNITS COULD BE " BS" WOULD STANDARDIZE ALL HC TRAINING
AIRCRAFT AS VINTAGE T-28 S AND T-6 S ARE SCRAPPED.
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